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Board Agenda Item

TO: Air Pollution Control District Board

FROM: Terry Dressler, Air Pollution Control Officer

CONTACT: Linda Beard, 961-8853

SUBJECT: Minutes of the December 2005 CAC Meeting

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file the attached draft minutes from the December 14, 2005 meeting of the Community Advisory Council.

DISCUSSION:

The attached minutes summarize the December Community Advisory Council meeting.

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Minutes
of
The Santa Barbara County
Air Pollution Control District
Community Advisory Council

December 14, 2005

I. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

There was a quorum in attendance. Thirteen members were present and one member joined the meeting later.

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve September 14, 2005 minutes.

Gilliland/Croll

Motion Passed: 13:0:0

IV. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

V. Organization of Agenda and Statement of Interests.

There were no changes to the order of the agenda. Statements of Interests were not needed since none of the agenda items required a vote.

VI. APCO Report

Terry Dressler reported that the process had begun to revise Rule 333 (Internal Combustion Engine). He said that the revisions were necessary in order to address comments by EPA and to bring it into conformity with ARB's requirements of reasonable available control technology (RACT) and best available retrofit control technology (BARCT). He said that revisions to Rule 202 were also being worked on to incorporate all the comments received over the years addressing which equipment should be included in this exemption rule. Mr. Dressler said that a workshop was held on December 8 to gather comments; a large number of stakeholders attended and offered comments which would be addressed prior to bringing Rule 333 to the CAC, hopefully in February. He expected to submit Rule 333 to the Board for adoption in late summer or early fall.

Mr. Dressler also reported that last week the ARB had adopted a regulation regulating fuel use of auxiliary engines on large marine vessels such as container ships. While we will get some benefit from these emission reducing regulations, he said that ports would receive the greater benefit. He stated that this new regulation only addresses auxiliary engines and not the main engines which are in use when the ships are coming through the Santa Barbara Channel.

VII. New Business

- A. Receive a briefing on the APCD's Emission Reduction Credit (ERC) program.

Michael Goldman, Engineering Supervisor in the Engineering and Compliance Division, gave a presentation on emission reduction credits including basic terminology, rules, and additional resources regarding ERC's. He also addressed issues of fugitive hydrocarbons and ERC's. He said that APCD's Regulation VIII, New Source Review, Rules 804 and 806 addressing emission offsets and emission reduction credits was a good source of information on this topic. CAC members commented on their experience with the ERC program. It was stated that lack of ERC's is a major concern of CAPCOA, and finding innovative ways to produce ERC's while fully considering environmental justice is a challenge.

- B. Receive a report on Global Warming.

Terry Dressler gave a very informative presentation on global warming. CAC member, Bill Peitzke suggested that the Santa Barbara County APCD take a lead roll in addressing the issues related to climate change and global warming. Mr. Dressler said that a first step would be to hire a programmer to modify the APCD database to record greenhouse gas emissions. Mr. Dressler said that any further action would need to be at the direction of the APCD Board, and suggested that the CAC initiate a recommendation to the Board regarding this issue. The CAC was in consensus that educating county leaders was the place to start. They suggested that a matrix list be developed of things to do, and that this presentation be given to the Board. It was agreed that these issues would be brought back at a future meeting.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.